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1. During the week of 16 - 21 July, district medical meetings were held by the Ministry of Public Health. The meetings were attended by district doctors, surgeons, and dentists, who were informed that, in view of the shortage of drugs, they would not be authorized to prescribe any drugs above the value of 10 forints without special permission. They were also told that they must check daily with their local druggists to find out what supplies were available for that day.
2. Anaesthetics are in particularly short supply and those manufactured locally are so carelessly made that serious after-effects frequently result from their use.
3. At the demand of the Communist authorities, the Minister of the Interior has announced that each prisoner and each person interned in a concentration camp will be required to give blood periodically. The Ministry of Public Health has arranged for 31 ambulances to tour the villages of Hungary to collect blood. Most of this blood is being sent to the USSR.

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